

F-4-93  
Daniel Shoemaker Farmstead  
Middletown vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1790-1920

The Daniel Shoemaker Farmstead contains a circa 1850 brick two-story dwelling with a side wing and a log outbuilding which may have been built in the last quarter of the 18th century. Other domestic outbuildings include a frame smokehouse, a frame summer kitchen, and a frame garage, ranging in date from about 1850 to 1920. A frame hog barn of the early 20th century is also located near the domestic group. Across Mt. Tabor Road to the east is the agricultural outbuilding group, including a circa 1910 frame bank barn, a circa 1875-1900 frame wagon shed with corn cribs, and a frame equipment shed. These buildings are separately owned from the domestic part of the original farmstead. The Shoemaker Farmstead is a well-preserved example of the typical farm of the mid-19th century through the early 1920's. The early log building and the circa 1850 brick dwelling show two types of vernacular building technology and the farm layout, split by a public road, are also good representatives of the architecture and internal planning of agricultural complexes of the period. Possibly built by Daniel Shoemaker in the late 18th century, the log outbuilding is said to be dated during that period on an interior wall. In the 1870's, Jacob Shank acquired the farm and painted his name on the northeast corner of the log house as a sign to road travelers.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse  
Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen  
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies  
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn  
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary  
Agriculture/subsistence/agricultural outbuilding

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE   yes   x no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Daniel Shoemaker Farmstead

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 9022 Mt. Tabor Road    not for publicationcity, town Middletown   x vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> x occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture	<u>  </u> museum
<u>  </u> x building(s)	<u>  </u> x private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial	<u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational	<u>  </u> x private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment	<u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> x yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government	<u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial	<u>  </u> transportation
	<u>  </u> x not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military	<u>  </u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Steven U. &amp; Elke M. Dorr

street &amp; number 9022 Mt. Tabor Road telephone no.:

city, town Middletown state and zip code Md. 21769

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1059

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 22

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date    federal    state    county    local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-4-93

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 9

The Daniel Shoemaker Farmstead is an originally agricultural complex now used as a private residence centered on a circa 1850 brick two-story dwelling with a side wing and its associated domestic and agricultural outbuildings, including a 1-1/2 story log house dated in the late 1700's, a frame summer kitchen and a frame smokehouse, both of about 1910, and a frame garage of about 1920. The agricultural outbuildings include a frame bank barn, a frame wagon shed/corn crib, a frame hog barn, and a frame tractor shed. The farmstead is located at the intersection of Mt. Tabor Road and Frostown Road about 4 miles northwest of Middletown, Frederick County, Maryland. The agricultural buildings are located on the east side of Mt. Tabor Road on a separately owned parcel and the domestic buildings are on the west side of Mt. Tabor Road south of Frostown Road.

The dwelling is generally rectangular in shape and faces east with the main section at the north end of the rectangle and the wing on the south end. The main section has three bays on the east with a center entrance. A frame entry porch with a brick base is a recent replacement. The doorway has a four-panel door under a three-light transom and a paneled soffit. The brick exterior walls are laid in 6:1 American bond painted beige over brick red. A Frederick County Landmarks Foundation plaque, No. 270, is attached to the wall near the door. The cornice is corbeled and the gable roof, originally shingled, is now standing seam metal. The windows are 6/6 with plain lintels and sills flanked by louvred shutters. The wing has four bays on the east with an open two-story porch. Two entries containing four-panel doors alternate with 6/6 windows. The porch posts are chamfered and the railing is plain. The south elevation of the house has no openings except a vertical board door to the exposed stone basement and two 2/2 attic windows with louvred shutters. The west elevation has four irregular bays and a modern one-story frame porch projection on the rear of the wing. The projection has German siding. The north elevation has 5:1 bond and two bays of 6/6 windows, with attic windows as on the south elevation. The interior was inaccessible for this survey.

### Domestic outbuildings:

Log house: The one-story log structure is located southeast of the main dwelling at the edge of Mt. Tabor Road. It has an exposed stone foundation on the west and south. An exterior stone chimney base is located on the south elevation. The exposed log structure reveals wood nogging and interior lath. The north and south gables and the west elevation are covered with German siding. The east elevation has a single glazed panel door and a 6/6 window. Other window openings have missing sash. The roof is standing seam metal, with a patched section indicating the location of an originally center chimney. At the northeast corner, a painted sign reading "+J. Shank+" is visible. Jacob Shank owned the farmstead from 1872 to 1905 and his descendants held the property until the mid-1970's. The current owner, Mrs. Dorr, stated that a late 1700's date was found in the interior chinking of the building. Its interior was not accessible for recording; however, the date of the building could be as early as the last quarter of the 18th century.

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## 8. Significance

Survey No. F-4-93

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1850 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Daniel Shoemaker Farmstead is a well-preserved farmstead of the second half of the 19th century, with few changes to the character of the original farm buildings. The complex contains a possibly late 18th century log outbuilding which may have been the original dwelling built by Daniel Shoemaker. The later main dwelling is a good example of the side-wing plan of German style vernacular residences, with few alterations to the main facades. The plan of the farmstead, with the public road running between the domestic and agricultural outbuilding groups, was common in Frederick County in the entire 19th century. Although the will and land records are not clear and bear further research possibilities, the chain of title shows that two Daniel Shoemakers, father and son, successively owned the farm, the transfer from the elder to the younger taking place in 1852. Daniel Shoemaker the younger's wife Magdalena is probably the owner shown on the 1858 Bond map as "Mrs. M. M. Shoemaker". The 1873 map shows J. Shank as the owner, confirmed by the title chain as Jacob Shank, whose name is painted on the exterior wall of the log house, perhaps as a locational reference sign to travelers on Mt. Tabor Road.

The Shoemaker Farmstead may be compared with the Rout-Smith Farmstead (F-4-80), which has a two-section log and brick dwelling dated about 1800 and 1850. The Rout-Smith Farmstead also has two log outbuildings which have been restored, one of which is said to date to the last quarter of the 18th century. The Shoemaker Farmstead has a more varied set of outbuildings, especially in the agricultural group. Each farm exemplifies not only early 19th century vernacular log technology, but also the brickmasonry craftsmanship of the mid-19th century.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-93

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.  
Dorr, Mrs. Steven, personal interview, June 10, 1992  
Land Records of Frederick County  
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 4 acresQuadrangle name Middletown, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting					Northing			

B 

Zone	Easting					Northing			

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 4 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 45, Parcel 117, including the barn and two sheds on Parcel 119.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date July 1992street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2020  
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### 7.1 Description (Continued)

**Smokehouse:** The frame smokehouse may date from the period 1850-1890. It has a generally square plan with german siding, a vertical board door, and a wood shingle roof. It is located southwest of the dwelling.

**Summer kitchen:** The frame summer kitchen was built about 1910, according to Mrs. Dorr. It is located near the log house south of the dwelling. It has a rectangular plan with two levels, the lower being the exposed stone basement. The upper section is covered with german siding. At the northeast corner are vertical tongue and groove doors on both levels. The windows are 6/6 except for a 3/3 window on the south elevation of the upper level. An exterior stone and brick chimney is located on the south elevation and the gable roof is covered with corrugated metal.

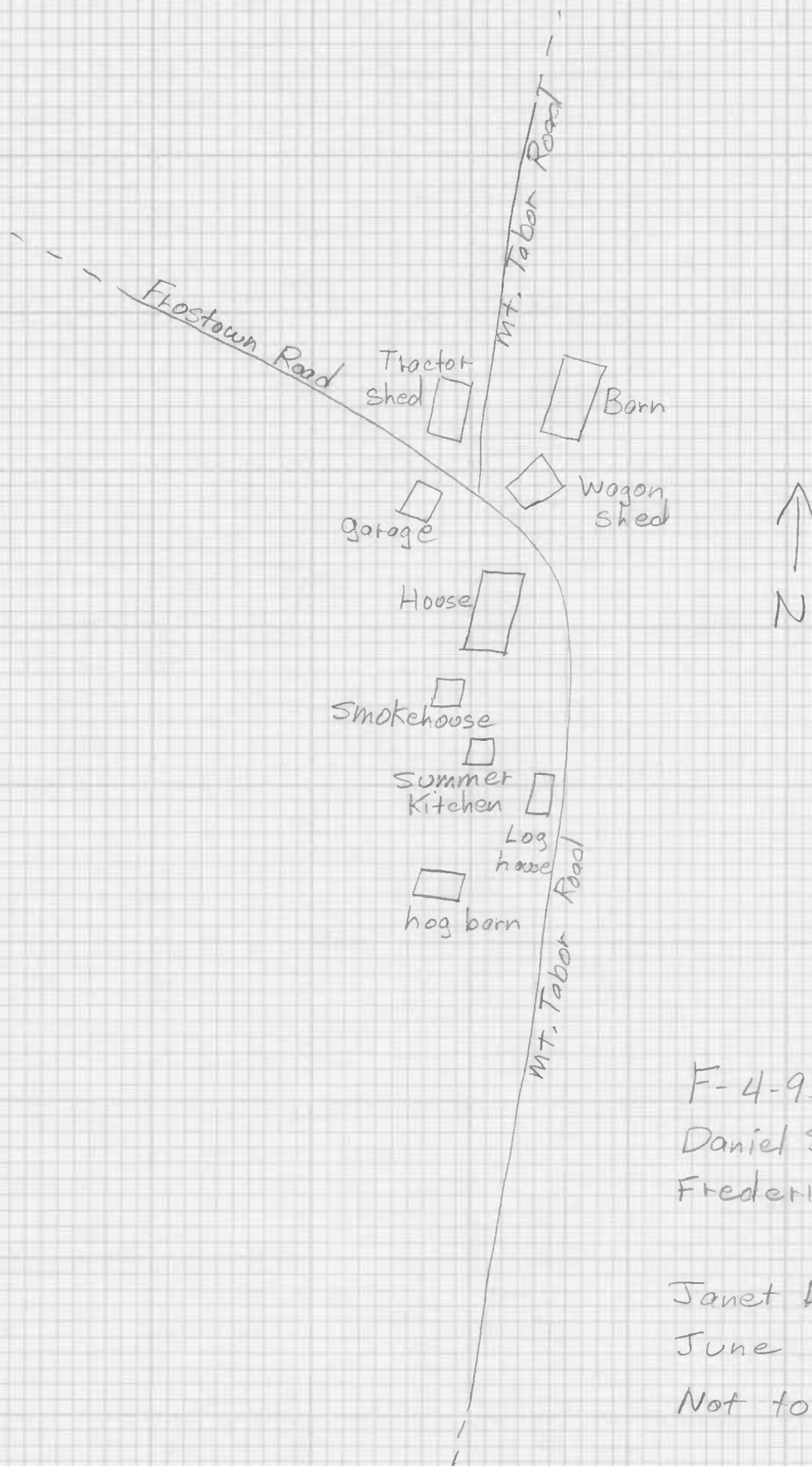
**Garage:** The frame garage was probably built about 1920. It stands northwest of the dwelling at the edge of Frostown Road facing the continuation of Mt. Tabor Road to the north of the complex. It appears to have been built over an earlier stone structure, perhaps an ice house, with an exposed south elevation. The upper structure has vertical board siding and sliding doors on the north elevation. The roof is standing seam metal.

#### Agricultural outbuildings:

**Hog barn:** The hog barn is the only agricultural structure on the west side of Mt. Tabor Road. It is located south of the log house and main dwelling. Its siding is vertical boards, and the roof is standing seam metal. Vertical board doors are located on the north elevation and a concrete block pen is on the south elevation. The foundation is concrete, an indication that the structure probably dates from the second quarter of the 20th century.

**Bank barn and wagon shed/corn crib:** The bank barn is located on the northeast side of Mt. Tabor Road. It was built about 1910, according to Mrs. Dorr, as a replacement for an earlier barn. It has metal siding probably concealing vertical boards. The lower level on the east elevation is enclosed with horizontal siding. The west elevation has sliding doors and the roof is covered with corrugated metal. The wagon shed/corn crib is located just southeast of the barn. Built about 1875-1900, it has vertical siding and a concrete foundation, which may replace an original stone foundation. The roof is standing seam metal. Both the barn and the wagon shed are located on Parcel 119, owned by Charles O. Myers and Betty A. Myers, 2717 Milt Summers Rd., Middletown, MD 21769.

**Tractor shed:** The frame tractor shed is located on the west side of Mt. Tabor Road directly west of the bank barn. It has five open bays on the east elevation, with vertical siding on the other elevations and a standing seam metal roof. It was probably built as a wagon shed in the period 1875-1900. The shed is located on Parcel 85, owned by Edgar E. and Gladys I. Poffenberger, 9109 Frostown Rd., Middletown, MD 21769.



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Janet Davis

June 1992

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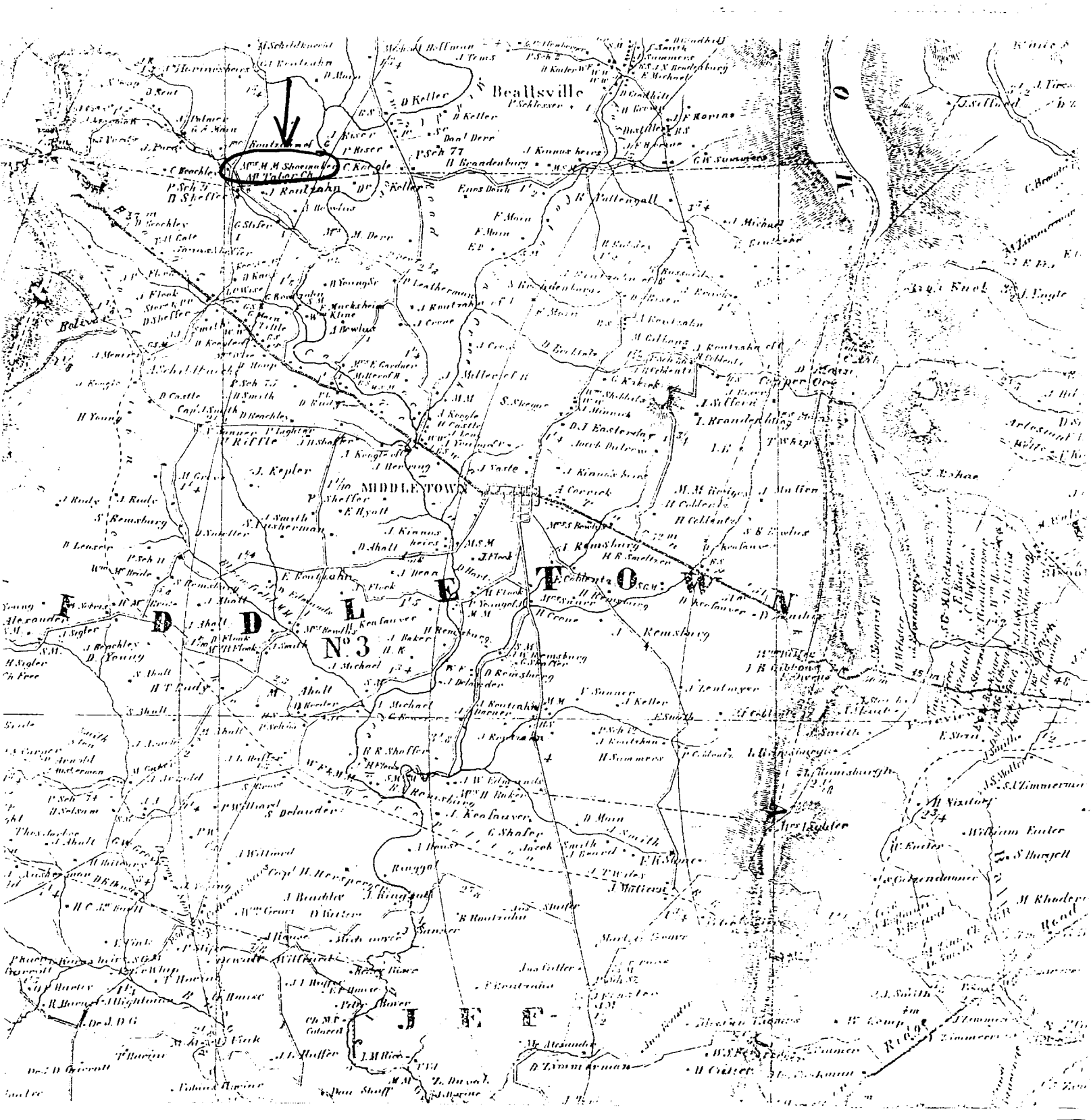
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958/451 18 Apr 75	Gloria J. Keller	<del>Sharon D. Rudy,</del> pers. rep. of estate of Kermit A. Keller dec. 16 Sept 74			
939/46 13 May 74	Kermit A. Keller Drm Leo Keller Gladys L. Poffenberger	Kermit, Drm + Gladys, pers. reps. of estate of Carrie V. Keller, dec. 20 Aug 73	P. 1 157 1/2 A. orig - ; now 141.73 A.		
469/462 30 Mar 48	Carrie V. Keller	Edgar B. Keller, widower	P. 1 : 157 1/2 A.		
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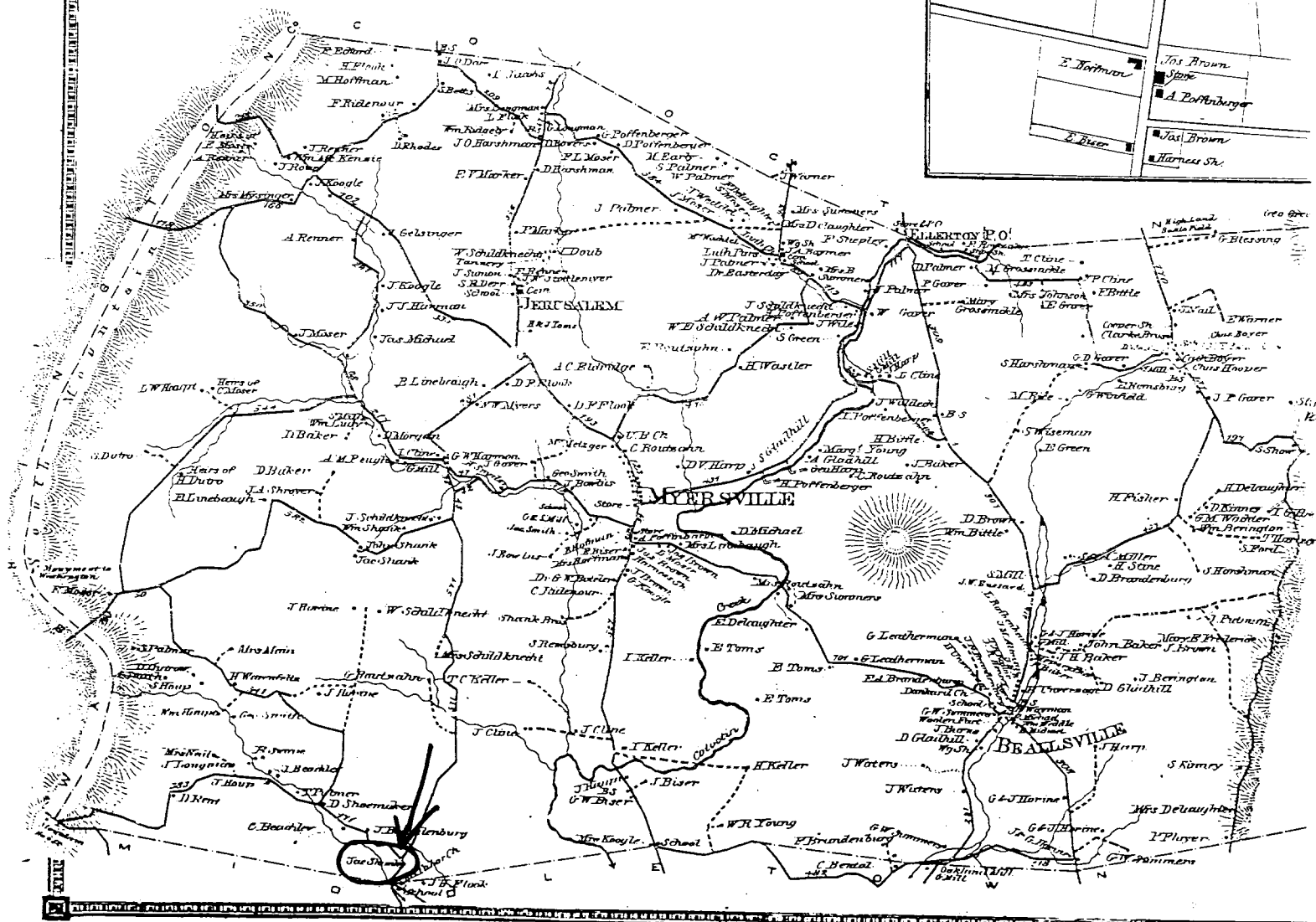
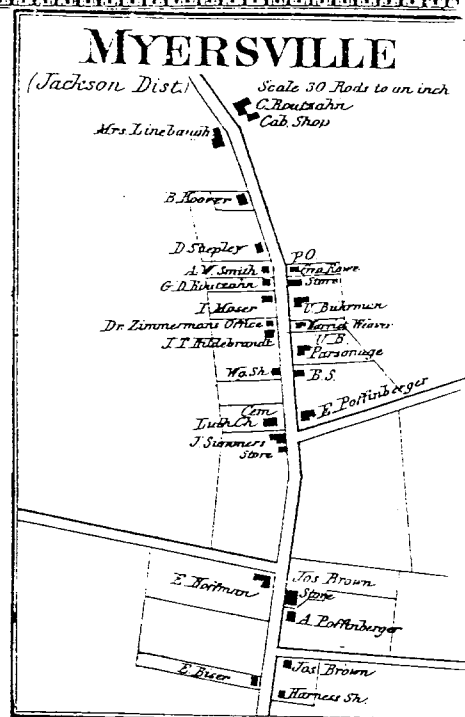
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CM 8/252 17 Feb 1872	Jacob Shank	Joshua Shoemaker David Poppenberger, ex of Daniel Shoemaker	"Turkey Plains" "Deakers Mistake" "Resurvey on Matetung (sp.)" (sold on 12 Feb 1870)	\$7,875	
Will Record TS 1/272/101 <del>24 Oct 1853</del> <del>to Mrs.</del> 24 Oct 1853	Magdalena <sup>Shoemaker</sup> <del>Shank</del> wife of Daniel, thence to children	Daniel Shoemaker			
Will Record TS 1/181 10 Mar 1852	Elizabeth Shoemaker wife of Daniel thence to 3 sons	Daniel Shoemaker			

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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick  
County, 1858.

Scale 2 Inches to One Mile



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County, 1873

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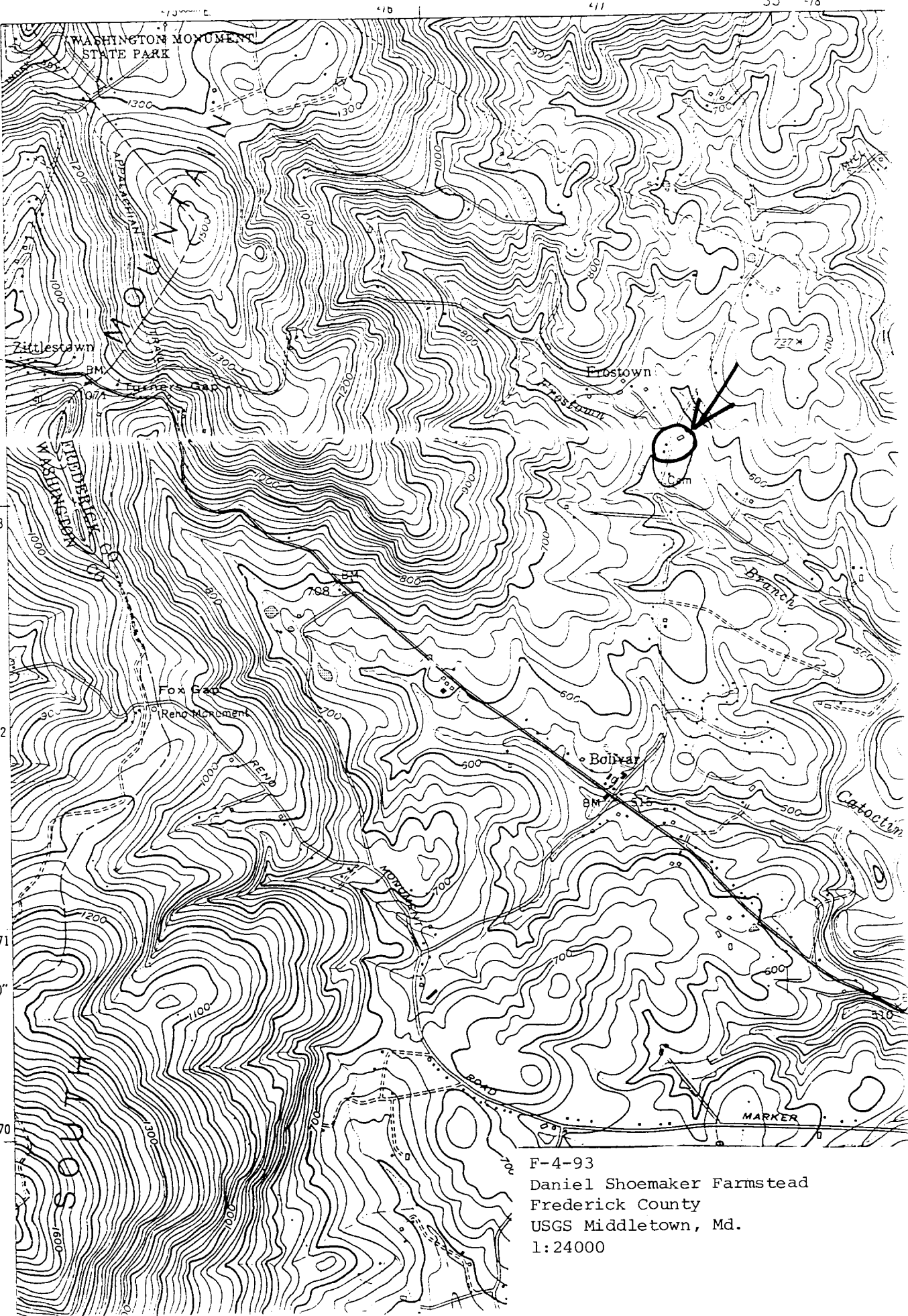
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Daniel Shoemaker Farmstead

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USGS Middletown, Md.

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Dan's Slide over Bonistead

Frederick, Md.

Photo: L. & L.

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Net. Loc.: R. & E. PO, Crownsville, Md.

Northwest corner view

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Daniel Shearer Farmstead

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Photo: Janet Davis

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

West elevation

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Daniel Shoemaker Farmstead

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Neg. loc.: Md. SW20, Ironsullen Rd.

Snakehome, east of 15-30

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Daniel Shoemaker Farmstead

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Oronokeville Md

Log house, east elevation

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

Summer kitchen and log house, view from south.

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Daniel Shoemaker Farmstead

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Near 'loc.' Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

Garage, north elevation

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Wagon sheds and bank barn partial view  
from southeast

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